

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

***PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II or MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN II
for Service Area 1 (Lancaster)***

Countywide Resource Management (CRM) is recruiting one Psychiatric Social Worker II's (PSW II) or Mental Health Clinician II's (MHC II) for a new program, the Community Reintegration Program (CRP).

The recent passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 109, the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Legislation, will result in a significant number of prison inmates no longer being released to traditional State Parole. Effective October 1, 2011, certain offenders of non-violent, non-serious crimes will be released to Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), upon completion of their prison term. It is estimated that approximately 30% of these inmates will be mentally ill. CRM-CRP is being established to provide mental health screening/triage and linkage to community-based mental health treatment for these individuals. This situation affords staff the opportunity to participate in the development and implementation of a new program that has high visibility throughout the state.

PSW II's/MHC II's position will be co-located with the Department of Probation in Lancaster.

The primary duties and responsibilities of these positions include:

- Assessing inmates face-to-face upon release from prison, providing crisis intervention as necessary, performing targeted case management services to link individuals to community-based mental health programs, monitoring client progress and making recommendations for the appropriate level of care.
- Consulting with Department program staff and community mental health agencies dealing with the target population regarding community alternatives available to inmates on reentry.
- Identifying system barriers to the successful reintegration of inmates into communities and working with the Supervising Psychiatric Social worker and community partners to remove them.
- Participating in the collection of outcome data related to AB 109.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge and experience in providing services to individuals with forensic or criminal justice histories.
- Excellent clinical, assessment and communication skills.
- Skill in prioritizing work and multi-tasking under pressure.
- Experience with discharge planning in psychiatric hospital setting(s).
- Working on a multi-disciplinary team.
- Ability to be creative and to solve problems.
- Adaptable and flexible.

Interested PSW II's or MHC II's or individuals reachable on the PSW II or MHC II Certification List are encouraged to FAX or email their résumé, last two (2) Performance Evaluations, and last two (2) years of master time records by **Friday, March 30, 2012** to:

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